



6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:10 PM, on Monday, May 2, 2016, in the Leon Valley City Hall Conference Room, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

I. Poll for Attendance and Determination of a Quorum.

- Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Carol (Present)
- TAB Forester: Mark Kroeze, Alamo Region Urban Forester (Present)
- Leon Valley Student Intern: Stephanie Flores (Present)
- Members Present: Irene Baldrige, Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, Melinda Dawson, Mary Key, and Diana Sarfin
- Members Absent: Rich Sarfin
- Guests: Suzanne De Leon (Mayor, Balcones Heights), Rita Hoyl (Community Development Director, Balcones Heights), Roger Christensen (Chairman, Leon Valley Park Commission)

II. Approval of Minutes - April 4, 2016.

- Minutes were approved as written.

III. Review Draft Leon Valley Tree Planting Action Plan.

- Ms. Carol provided copies of the plan with corrections from the last meeting.
- TAB members concurred with the plan as written.
- TAB representatives will meet with the Leon Valley Park Commission to present the plan at 7:00 PM, on May 10, 2016, at the Leon Valley Swimming Pool.

IV. Discussion on creating an Oak Wilt Education Outreach Program.

- Mr. Kroeze provided a presentation on "Oak Wilt in Bexar County". It included details about the disease, treatment, and chronological advancement of Oak Wilt within the county.
 - The disease is most prevalent in the Northern and Northwestern part of the county with the most severe infestation in Hollywood Park.
 - Mr. Kroeze cited Seneca Estates as one of the most impacted areas in Leon Valley. He suggested a door-to-door communication program to provide citizens with preventive measures such as the use of the injectors/chemicals.
 - He identified a live oak tree of substantial size on Cammie Way Street where an attempt should be made to halt the disease before it crosses Evers Road. Ms. Berger will try to make contact with the homeowner ASAP.
 - Ms Carol will look into traffic islands within Leon Valley that may have oak trees where preventive care against Oak Wilt will have to be accomplished by the city. One may be on Adair Street next to Seneca Estates.
- Ms. Carol provided flyers on the "Oak Preservation Project". This is a program in San Antonio to prevent Oak Wilt. She will rework the flyer and adapt it for Leon Valley. It will then be sent out to all TAB members for review and comments. In final form, it will then be sent out to the citizens of Leon Valley.

V. Application for Texas Arbor Day in Leon Valley.

- Ms. Carol provided copies of the "Texas Arbor Day" flyer, the "Texas Arbor Day Host City Application" and numerous award applications for "Texas Arbor Day".
 - Taking the TAB's current projects into account, members agreed to apply to serve as "Texas Arbor Day Host City" in 2017 and 2018.

VI. Develop a Storm Mitigation Tree Plan for Leon Valley.

- Ms. Carol provided copies of the Community Forest Storm Mitigation Plan developed by the Texas A&M Forest Service. It's designed to avoid or mitigate damage to trees during a storm or other catastrophic event.
 - TAB members will use this document as a guide to develop a plan for Leon Valley.
- Ms. Carol will coordinate with the Leon Valley Storm Water Committee for input.

VII. Wildfire Protection Plan - Update.

- The Leon Valley Fire Department has incorporated the recommended changes made by the TAB.

VIII. Questions and Discussions about the Leon Valley TAB.

- Mayor De Leon and Ms. Hoyl were very positive about the topics discussed by the TAB.

IX. Future Agenda Items.

- **How to improve tree focus.**
 - This topic will be revisited in 2016.
- **Website updates.**
 - This topic will be revisited in 2016.
- **Neighborwood program.**
 - This topic will be revisited in 2016.
- **Strategic Tree planting goals.**
 - Reference Section III for planting goals in Raymond Rimkus Park.
- **Other Topics.**
 - TAB representatives will provide the annual TAB Report to the Leon Valley City Council at 7:00 PM, on May 17, 2016, at Leon Valley City Hall.
 - Ms. Carol provided flyers on an all-day "Tree Disease Identification and Management" workshop that will be held on June 17, 2016. It is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and it will be held at Phil Hardberger Park (Urban Ecology Center).

X. Adjourn.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.
- The next meeting of the TAB is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016, at 6:00 PM, at the Leon Valley City Hall Conference Room.


Chairperson